

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DISCHARGE PROCESSING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

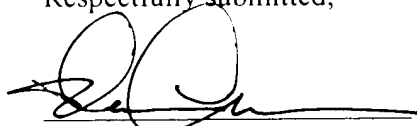
Replace original Figure 5 with the attached corrected Figure 5. Figures 1-4 and 6-10 remain unchanged.

**REMARKS**

Prior to examination of the subject application, Applicant makes a minor correction to the drawings to clarify the lead-lines of Figure 5. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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